

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
MINUTES**

Present:

Dennis Farrell – (WCHHS Board)
Michael DeMares (WCDHHS)
Troy Norman (Goodwill)
Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC)
Corrine Gresen (WMH)
Donna Martinez (Public Defender Office)
Diane Begos (MHC - CCS)
Sandra Hack (DHHS)
Mary Madden (NAMI)

Lisa McLean (MHA)
Marybeth Vander Male (HIL)

Guests:

Joan Sternweis (MHC - DT)
Cynthia Lilley (HHS)
Beth Hischke (HHS)
Heather Calton (HHS)
Don Daniels (HHS)

Excused:

Andrew Barnhill
Linda Cole (Friendships)
James Hanover (Div. of Voc. Rehab.)
Maura McMahon
Misty Barnhill (Friendships)

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by Mary Madden.

Educational Segment: Membership & Requirements of Committee Options Program (COP) - Committee Role

Mike DeMares reviewed the transfer of COP to the Mental Health Advisory Committee, the dissolution of Long Term Care, review and oversight of funds, and the population served. Mike D. reviewed the following handouts: State Statutes 46.266 Social Services, Community Options Guidelines Administration Chapter II: Administration, the 2009 COP Plan Update and the Mental Health Advisory Committee Bylaws.

Joan Sternweis stated that the State wants a list of Acting Long-Term Care Committee, the actual name of the committee, the population they represent, how often they will meet for an official approval of the COP Plan. Three points need to be address today:

1. Joan S. - not a member of the Mental Health Advisory Committee, but COP Coordinator – Joan's status may need to be changed.
2. The Consumer involvement in COP Membership.
3. Official approval of the 2009 COP Plan for the State of Wisconsin.

After review of Chapter II: Administration handout and the 2008 COP Plan, discussion followed on these three topics.

1. Diane Begos moved to appoint Joan Sternweis as the COP Administrative Representative. This was seconded by Dennis Farrell. The motion carried.
2. The following changes to Chapter II Administration: In Section 2.02 Interagency Long-Term Support Planning Committee for that the minimum committee were recommended:
 - There will be one active consumer, who was an actual recipient of COP Funds.
 - One elected County Official.
 - One appointed representative from the HHS Board.
 - Remove item numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6, and in item 7.
 - Two HHS Representatives (Mike DeMares and Joan Sternweis), one who will have administrative experience in COP Funds.

Dennis Farrell moved to adopt these minimums. Mary Madden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Joan Sternweis reviewed the 2009 COP Plan Update, which is primarily financial. Mary Madden moved to approve the COP Plan reviewed by Joan S.. Diane Begos seconded the motion. The motion carried and the COP Plan was approved.

COP Fund Allocations:

Cynthia Lilley (Business Manager for HHS), Beth Hischke (Children's Long-Term Support Waivers), Heidi Schwendimann (HHS), Heather Calton (Children's Long-Term Support Waivers) and Don Daniels (Supervisor) were in attendance today to present two COP appropriation requests. Introductions were made. Don Daniels explained the funds are from the state and the County must give preliminary approval of the COP Funds. Two cases were presented individually and discussion followed on each.

- Dennis Farrell moved to approve Case #1: A yard fence for autistic 7-year-old who is elopement risk and lives near busy roads. This was seconded by Troy Norman. Discussion followed. The vote was unanimous and the allocation was approved.
- Dennis Farrell moved to approve Case #2: A specialized portable lift, that will be used to transfer a 14-year-old to/from a wheelchair, bed, or other area. Troy Norman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The vote was unanimous. The allocation was approved.

Review and Approval of July and August 2009 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. August was a statement on the program MH Advisor members attended. June 15th had changes. A motion was made by Dennis Farrell to approve the minutes with changes. Mike DeMares seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the changes.

Board Liaison Report

Dennis F. made comments on the H1N1 virus, an upcoming video presentation, and upcoming flu shot clinics. Mike D. stated the Public Health Department will be holding a large immunization clinic for H1N1 in October.

Dennis Farrell announced Waukesha County will hold a Drug Collection of prescription medications that citizens want to get rid of, rather than flushing them. This will be October 3rd.

Dennis Farrell updated the committee on the progress on the 2010 Budget. The following items remained in place for 2010: Requested continuation of current funding for Community Based Services, Maintaining funding for 211 First Call for Help system, Provide for a cost of living adjustment to resident supervisors, of citizens who are chronically and mentally ill, Support and sustain the continuation of the Peer Support Program in a variety of clinical settings, Expand Respite to children who are Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) to provide greater access to summer programming and monitoring. Mike DeMares added the budget kept Mental Health status quo and the residential budget did receive a small increase, it allowed for psychopharmacological meds, and respite money was added for children.

Dennis informed the committee of the approval of credentialing status for doctors at the Mental Health Center.

Legislative report

Mike DeMares announced Waukesha County has requested to become a 1915I County, stating we want to participate in the new Federal waiver for rehabilitative and non-rehabilitative services. We will need to provide services for: Residential, Vocational and Peer Support. Mike D. expects 35 slots in 2010 and 40 in 2011.

Mike D. stated there is change in the law regarding Emergency ^{s.p. Detentions} Detentions (E.D.), which was effective July 1, 2009. At this time it is not well known or being followed. The state is now developing guidelines and will implement on November 1, 2009. Waukesha County HHS staff and Corp Council met and a document is being drafted stating Law Enforcement may call and get permission from us for an E.D. Discussion continues for child E.D.'s. Mike reviewed pros and cons of some E.D.'s, overflow at MHC, and law enforcement training.

CCS Coordinating Committee

Diane Begos stated CCS now has 104 active clients. The Coordinating Committee met today. Training has taken place with Peer Specialists included peer facilitators in groups. Wenona Gardner will receive the Consumer of the Year award. Misty Barnhill will facilitate the program for Wellness Recovery Action Plan. Discussion followed on training costs for peer support.

Other --

- Election of Officers - Mike DeMares remind the committee election of officers will due in October.
- Joan Sternweis asked that COP Business is regularly on the agenda.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2009

There was no other business. Dennis Farrell made a motion to adjourn. Marybeth Vander Male seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sylvester
Recorder

Minutes were approved Doug L. Newman Date October 19, 2009

Cc: Harlow Bielefeldt, Chair, AODA
James Pearson, Chair of CAFSAC
Sue Konkel, Chair, Public Health
County Clerk, Waukesha County